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Rep. Sherer Rates Governor's Budget Proposal A Good Start Legislators Notes Focus on Transportation and Children



State Representative Donald B. Sherer, R-65th, Stamford, New Canaan, today called Governor M. Jodi Rell's proposed two-year state budget a good start in closing a projected \$1 billion deficit. He said the budget shows leadership and make tough decisions.

Rep. Sherer noted the governor's budget includes funds for new commuter rail cars, as well as modest increases in state aid to public schools and for special education students. He praised the budget for avoiding broad based tax increases, including no hikes in the income tax or sales tax.

Rep. Sherer said he generally supports the budget, and opposes any increase in the income tax and sales tax, as he has in the past.

He said, "I understand the governor inherited a projected budget deficit of \$1.2 billion that had to be closed. I do appreciate that the governor's budget proposal is an honest starting point for the legislature's budget deliberations."

Rep. Sherer said, "Her budget is balanced and stays within the spending cap. I am impressed by the job-growth features of her proposal and elimination of duplication of services."

Rep. Sherer serves the 147th Assembly District of Stamford and New Canaan in the state House of Representatives.